IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS CENTRAL DIVISION

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JEWELLEAN MOORE ARTHUR CARSON,

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NO. 4:21-CV-352-DPM

WANDA C. MERITT, REGIONAL DIR.HUD, TERMEKA L. HUBBARD, MANAGER OF THE COTTAGE APARTMENT,AND ENVOLVE MANAGEMENT CO.,

PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT:

This is a Civil Rights action filed by Jewellean Moore, and Arthur Carson, Former Tenants

Of the Cottage Apartments, for Damages and Injunctive relief under 42 U.S.C. 1983, alleging

A Constructive Self Help Eviction, and Arbitrary Termination of Hud Subsidies without Due

Process, Through coercion, intimidation, and interference with Plaintiff's Fair Housing Rights

Because they exercised a Fair Housing Right to file a Complaint regarding Housing Conditions.

JURISDICTION:

This Court has Jurisdiction over Plaintiff's Claims of Violation of the Fair Housing Act of 42 U.S.C. 1437, 42 U.S.C. 2000(d); 42 U.S.C. 3613; 5 U.S.C. 702; 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

PARTIES:

- 1). Plaintiff, Jewellean Moore, 11401 Mesa DR # D232, Little Rock, AR 72211;
- 2). Plaintiff, Arthur Carson, 11401 Mesa DR # D232, Little Rock, AR 72211,
- 3). Defendant, Wanda C. Meritt, HUD Regional Director, 425 Capitol Ave #100, Little Rock, AR 72201;
- 4). Defendant, Envolve Management CO.,300 Spring Street #900, Little Rock, AR 72201;
- 5). Defendant, Termeka Hubbard, Manager of the Cottage Apt., 10436 W. 36th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204.

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Plaintiff's Jewellean Moore, and Arthur Carson, hereinafter, "Moore, Carson",

Were Tenants of the Cottage Apartments, pursuant to an Agreement between HUD,

Via its Section 202 Program for the Elderly and Disabled, (12 U.S.C. 1701), and

The Cottage Apartments, for Subsidized Housing below Market cost.

On November 08, 2020, Moore and Carson's Subsidized Tenancy were arbitrarily

Terminated without any required Due Process, (24 C.F.R. 966.51; 24 C.F.R. 247.4).

The Defendants through Retaliation, Coercions, Interfered with Moore, and Carson's

Tenancy Forcing them out of their Housing because Carson filed Written complaints

Against Management, and for a previous Settlement Agreement with Defendants.

- 1). Moore and Carson, were deprived the protection of HUD'S Regulations requiring Envolve, Termeka Hubbard, provide written Notice of the specific grounds for terminating Tenancy; inform Moore and Carson their Right to Reply; inform Moore and Carson Of their Right to examine Documents relevant to the Eviction, (24 C.F.R.982.310).
- 2). On 11/08/2020, Termeka Hubbard, after refusing Rent payment boisterously stated To Carson, "You can't stay here filing those things", referring to Carson's complaint. (24 C.F.R. 100.400, Retaliation).
- 3). Moore, separately qualified for Hud subsidized Housing, and were not given any Auxiliary or Legal aid prior to Her Eviction, due to Her Disabilities or reasonably accommodate With Effective Communication for Her, due to Dyslexia, (42 U.S.C.3604(f)((3)(B).
- 4). Moore and Carson, were Constructively Evicted with harassing tactics, where Termeka Hubbard used Maintenance workers to demand Carson come to Her Office To intimidate, and interfere with the quiet Enjoyment of their Housing, (42 U.S.C.1437).
- 5). Moore, also suffers End Stage Kidney disease, Hypertension, with a compromised Immune System, were Evicted during The height of Covid-19 Pandemic, contrary to The CDC Moratorium against Evictions, (The Care's Act, Sec. 4024; Pub.L.116-136). Envolve Management, and Termeka Hubbard ignored Moore, and Carson's Rights, while Acting as Agents for Hud.

- 6). After each written complaint made to Envolve by Carson, Termeka Hubbard, would respond With some form of adverse action. Her final inimical act, interfered with Moore and Carson's Rental Payment Check, where Hubbard destroyed the Bank of America Check for November, 2020, (42 U.S.C. 3617, "Interference, Coercion, or Intimidation Prohibition").
- 7). Wanda C. Meritt, and the HUD'S Regional Office, despite numerous Phone calls, and Emails to FHA Resource Center, failed to intervene, or ensure compliance with Hud's Regulations with this ContractedHousing Provider, depriving Moore and Carson Fair Housing, depriving them of any DueProcess, and subsidies whimsically terminated.

Defendant Meritt, and Hud closed their eyes to its Housing Providers wrongdoing, by Refusing to Supervise its contractors, allowing Envolve, and Termeka Hubbard Run amok.

- 8). Defendant Meritt, failed to ensure Moore and Carson's ability to Exercise Fair Housing Rights, i.e.," Make Fair Housing Complaints without Reprisals", are the Proximate cause of Moore, and Carson harm.
- 9). Defendant Meritt, had a duty to ensure Envolve, and Defendant Hubbard, adhere to The ten day meeting Requirements, and thirty day notice, (Hud's Handbook, 4350.3), And that Moore, Carson contract could only be terminated for Serious Violations, (24 CFR-982.310).

Defendant Meritt, had a duty to ensure its Contract Housing Providers adhere to the "Good Cause" eviction standards to maintain their contract with Hud, and Tax Credit With the Internal Revenue Service, (26 U.S.C.A. 42 (h)(6)(E)(ii)(I).

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10). Defendant Meritt, and Envolve failed to Supervise Termeka Hubbard, to the detriment of Moore, and Carson, and thwarted any resolution were deliberate, and indifferent failures. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs Prays, This Court Issue Declaratory Judgment and Preliminary Injunction Restoring Plaintiff's To Subsidized Housing Status; Compensatory, and Punitive Damages of \$100,000, from Each Defendant and All Else Relief this Court Deem Equitable and Just under Law.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Dated This 23rd Day of July, 2021

Jewellean Moore

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11401 Mesa DR #D232

Little Rock, AR 72211 (501-247-9150)

Arthur Carson

11401 Mesa DR #D232

Little Rock, AR 72211

(601-2403437)

I, Jewellean Moore, and Arthur Carson, Swear the Foregoing Facts herein are True and

Correct, to the Best of Our Knowledge.

Arthur Carson



Art Carson <artcarson67@gmail.com>

Thank you for contacting the FHA Resource Center, RE: Hud Contract Apartment Problem

1 message

DoNotReplyFHA < DoNotReplyFHA@hud.gov> To: Art Carson < artcarson67@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 9:46 AM

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If you need information or have questions about subsidized apartments for low income families in your area, including rent calculations or a complaint about a landlord who is receiving a subsidy for your rent payment (also known as Multifamily Housing), please contact the Multifamily Housing Clearinghouse at 1-800-685-8470 (1-800-MULTI-70). The line is staffed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You may also visit the following HUD website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/mfh/hc/complaint

If you are looking to see if your apartment is covered under the CARES Act eviction moratorium, you can search for FHA-insured or Multifamily Assisted properties at the following website:

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A HUD Multifamily Assisted property includes properties that receive HUD project-based assistance through its Section 8 rental assistance program; Section 202 Housing for Low-income Elderly; or Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities programs; and formerly assisted Multifamily properties with continuing use restrictions. Properties that are part of HUD's Public and Indian Housing programs, including Housing Choice Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers, or Public Housing, or are participating in Community Development Block Grant programs, are not part of this database and will not appear in search results.

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